

00009-22 - Key Points on Impacts to Critical Infrastructure, Demonstrations Across Canada - 08 Feb 2022

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Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 08 Feb

Overview

- * Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- * Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- Minimal people on Parliament Hill, Wellington and surrounding streets.
- No reported incidents overnight.
 - Ottawa police ask for help as judge muffles horns. [Link](#)
 - Towing companies on city contracts refuse to move convoy vehicles. [Link](#)
 - Protest supporters threaten tow truck operator for relocating protestors' shack. [Link](#)
 - Ottawa can probe foreign funding for efforts 'to undermine public safety': Mendicino. [Link](#)
 - Ottawa declares state of emergency as police boost enforcement, target protest's fuel supply. [Link](#)

Windsor, ON:

- Reports indicate a demonstration affecting operations at the Ambassador Bridge Port of Entry.
- In response to the demonstration the CBSA has temporarily closed the bridge.
 - Ambassador Bridge linking Windsor, Detroit "temporarily closed." [Link](#)
 - Bridge traffic at standstill as protesters park rigs. [Link](#)

Winnipeg, MB:

- Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
 - o **Downtown Winnipeg residents losing patience with convoy protest noise.** [Link](#)
 - o Anti-restrictions convoy holds steady outside Manitoba Legislative Building. [Link](#)

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- **Demonstrators blocked all traffic at the Port of Entry overnight, however, traffic flow has since resumed.**
 - o **Traffic moving again at Alberta's Coutts border crossing.** [Link](#)
 - o 'Not all individuals are following the law': RCMP has open investigations in connection with border blockade. [Link](#)

Regina, SK:

- **No reports of demonstrations.**
 - o **Police restraint resolved protest safely.** [Link](#)

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- * The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- On the evening of 06 Feb Police resources:
 - o Cleared Confederation Park of all structures and demonstrators.
 - o Started clearing Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Park of fuel.
 - o Began to arrest people bringing fuel into the downtown core.
- * On 29 Jan, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill and has been extended until 14 Feb.
- **Council votes to pin extra policing costs on those responsible for incurring them.** [Link](#)
- * OPS has announced on social media that "Anyone attempting to bring material supports (gas, etc.) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. Enforcement is underway."
- * OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.
- * OPS additionally reports the following:
 - o * Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.
- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).
- * For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Other Jurisdictions:

- * On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto. **Restrictions are in effect until 13 Feb.**
- * On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Quebec City, QC. Restrictions are in effect until 07 Feb.
- * NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River, AB in addition to Coutts, AB until 09 Feb.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- * The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- * Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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